

Section 3:

Convention Proceedings

Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware

Proceedings

The 182nd Annual Meeting of the Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware Kettering Baptist Church Upper Marlboro, MD

***Theme: United in Prayer, Celebrating God's Mission
John 17***

Session 1: Sunday Evening, November 12, 2017

1. **Call to Order** – At 6:00 p.m., Dr. Kevin Smith, Executive Director of the Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware, welcomed the gathering and officially called the 182nd Annual Meeting of the Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware to order. Dr. Smith introduced Richard Logsdon.
 - a. Richard Logsdon: Greetings to all of the attendees
 - b. Dr. Smith read John 17 to remind all of the Messengers and Guests about the significance of Jesus' prayer for unity among the diverse representatives of the BCM/D
2. **Worship** – The Nelons led in worship.
3. **Message** – D. A. Horton, Church Planter and Founder/Pastor of Reach Fellowship, Los Angeles, CA:
 - a. His Message: The Power of Prayer Displayed in the Local Church – Eph. 3:14-21
 - i. Nehemiah had a balanced prayer life: He prayed without ceasing. Jesus Christ stole away to the Father; Paul took the Body of Christ before the Father in Prayer. Unity in the Body should always triumph over every divisive concept, ideology, and spirit that separates people
 - ii. Face to Face time with the Father is essential: vs.14-15
 - iii. Focus on the Family Fellowship: v. 15
 - iv. Fearless requests made by faith: vs. 16-19
4. **Partner Greetings** –
 - a. NAMB: Greetings from Kevin Ezell, President of the North American Mission Board
 - b. NAMB: Clint Clifton: Send City Coordinator, Baltimore and Washington, DC, North American Mission Board
 - i. Led in prayer for Planters according to Luke 10:2;
 - ii. Led in prayer for laborers
 - iii. Led in prayer for church planters: Drue Matthews, Lifehouse Church, DE. Pray that the Lord will give us the faith to send out laborers to go and plant churches, Acts 13:1-3
 - iv. Led in prayer for Andy Anderson. He will be planting a church in Towson, MD

- v. Led in prayer that the Lord will change lives through the ministry of the Gospel preached in church plants: Thomas Winborn – Pastor of Welsh Baptist Church, Frostburg, MD. They are focused on making disciples; Chris and Sharon Schrock’s lives have changed because of their relationship with Pastor Winborn and the Welsh Baptist Church.
- 5. The Messengers and Guests were invited to join in a time of prayer and unity
- 6. **The Nelons** led in worship
- 7. **Closing Prayer** – Dr. David Orr, Pastor of Weems Creek Baptist Church, Annapolis, MD

Session II: Monday Morning, November 13, 2017

Kettering Baptist Church Sanctuary

- 8. **Call to Worship** – Dr. Kevin Smith, Executive Director, Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware, greeted the Messengers and Guests and prayed for the morning session, and he introduced the Nelons as our worship leaders.
- 9. **Greetings from the Host Pastor** – Dr. Bucas Sterling III, Senior Pastor of Kettering Baptist Church
- 10. **Business Session #1 (All reports may be found in the 2017 Annual Meeting Book of Reports)**
 - a. Call to Order – Dr. Michael Trammell, President, Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware, Pastor of Mt Airy Baptist Church, MD
 - i. He offered prayer for today’s business session.
 - ii. He declared the official opening of the 182nd Baptist Convention of MD/DE’s business session.
 - b. Theresa Sassard, Chair of Credentials Committee, BCM/D, Middle River Baptist Church, MD reported on the Enrollment of Messengers: 224 Registered Messengers, 118 Guests for a total of 342 messengers and guests.
 - c. Dave Helton, Pastor, Deep Creek Baptist Church, Oakland, MD: Morning Devotion –John 17:
 - i. John 17 he says is considered the Holy of Holies of Sacred Scripture, which gives us a touch of Jesus’ inner heart
 - ii. Unity is one of the main ideas of Jesus’ Prayer
 - iii. The Father Preserves and Protects His People: their mission and their unity
 - 1. Perseverance, vs. 11
 - 2. He Preserves us through sanctification in Truth, the Word of God, becoming like His Son
 - 3. His Presence protect the saints
 - iv. There are hazards in following Jesus: the world, the flesh and the Devil; the Lord did not want to take us out of the world but that the Father would protect us in the world.
 - v. Jesus continues to pray for His saints...making intercession for us so that we can faithfully persevere
- 11. **Introduction of Business and Officers:** Dr. Michael Trammell, President, Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware
 - a. Rick Hancock, First Vice President of BCM/D, Associate Pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Huntingtown, MD
 - b. Ken Moss, Parliamentarian of BCM/D
 - c. Curtis Hill, General Mission Board President, Pastor, Ogletown Baptist Church, Newark, DE

- d. Keith Meyer, Second Vice President of BCMD, Pastor Harvest Baptist Church, Salisbury, MD
- 12. **Resolution Committee Report:** Chair, Helen Corrothers, Georgia Avenue Baptist Church, Silver Spring, MD
 - a. **2017 Resolution Committee Members**
 - i. Keith Corrick, Director of Missions, Potomac Association
 - ii. Andy Ehlers, Pastor, High Tide Church
 - iii. Grant Lauderbaugh, Pastor, Northwest Baptist Church
 - iv. Thomas Winborn, Pastor, Welsh Baptist Church
 - b. **The Proposed Resolution of Appreciation:** October 24, 2017 (See Resolution below)
 - i. Recommended for Adoption: By Helen Corrothers
 - ii. President Trammell asked for questions on the Resolution and no questions were offered.
 - iii. He asked the Messengers to adopt the Resolution by vote: 2/3 majority of the Messengers accepted the Resolution.

ON APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, The messengers to the 182nd session of the Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware are enjoying a time of worship, encouragement, and fellowship in the Lord Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS, We acknowledge God’s providence in all these blessings; and

WHEREAS, We acknowledge the kind hospitality of Kettering Baptist Church and Rev. Bucas Sterling III for hosting the Annual Meeting with graciousness, generosity and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, We also acknowledge the kind hospitality of First Baptist Church of Upper Marlboro and Rev. Zachariah Schlegel for providing space for childcare and other activities at the Annual Meeting with warmth, graciousness and kindness; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware meeting in Upper Marlboro, Maryland, November 12-13, 2017, express our profound gratitude to the Lord and to all those through whom He is working to bring about an annual meeting characterized by prayer, grace, worship, encouragement, cooperation, and purpose.

- 13. The Chair recognized Curtis Hill, President, General Mission Board, BCM/D, Pastor, Ogletown Baptist Church, MD
 - a. The GMB submitted a motion to approve the 2018 Budget for the BCMD, Skycroft and State Missions Offering:

2018 Proposed BCM/D Budget

Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware RECEIPTS	2018 Operating Budget	2017 Operating Budget	2016 Operating Budget
Cooperative Program	3,700,000	3,750,000	3,699,138
North American Mission Board	1,030,000	1,030,000	965,056
Partnerships - State Conventions and Churches	110,000		
LifeWay Christian Resources	60,000	60,000	54,996
Cooperative Gifts	120,000	120,000	50,547
BCM/D Endowment Income	96,000	127,000	96,000
Strategic Resources	54,000	73,000	80,000
Interest Income (Net of Bank Fees)	-9,664	-5,891	-8,904
Baptist Foundation of MD/DE	19,000	19,000	15,000
Skycroft Conference Center			20,000
Reserves	35,000	35,000	
Total Operating Receipts	5,214,336	5,208,109	4,971,833
DISBURSEMENTS	2018 Operating Budget	2017 Operating Budget	2016 Operating Budget
Cooperative Missions			
SBC Cooperative Program	1,754,879	1,612,109	1,556,398
Church Staff Protection	44,000	44,000	37,024
Total Cooperative Missions	1,798,879	1,656,109	1,593,422
Consultant and Staff Benefits			
Consultant and Staff Social Security	71,545	75,380	76,533
Consultant and Staff Annuity	86,847	89,819	114,203
Consultant and Staff Insurance	394,240	392,150	273,870
Consultant Development/Support/Affirmation	15,000	15,000	42,155
Total Consultant and Staff Benefits	567,632	572,349	506,761
Executive Office			
Salaries/Housing Allowances	261,225	290,928	247,968
Travel Business/Office/Field Service Expense	47,000	47,000	39,160
Virtual Assistant	36,000		
Event Planner	10,000		
Christian Life and Public Affairs Committee	1,000	1,000	17

Executive Office (Cont'd)	2018 Operating Budget	2017 Operating Budget	2016 Operating Budget
General Mission Board Expense	10,000	10,000	12,712
Annual Celebration Expense	55,000	55,000	81,685
Convention President's Expense	1,000	1,000	
Video Production	5,000	5,000	
Website Maintenance/Promotional Support	15,000	16,000	7,455
Database Maintenance	5,000	5,000	2,550
BaptistLife Production	52,000	52,000	46,865
Digital Media Development			14,750
State Missions Offering Promotion	8,000	8,000	3,735
Total Executive Office	506,225	490,928	456,897

Convention Operations Team			
Financial Services			
Salaries/Housing Allowances	167,116	162,145	168,635
Travel Business/Office/Field Service Expense	17,000	17,000	16,967
Accounting Fees	7,000	7,000	5,900
Finance Operations	15,000	15,000	14,578
Stewardship Development	3,000	3,000	
Cooperative Program Development	15,000	15,000	9,965
Capture the Vision	1,000	1,000	53
Planned Giving	2,000	2,000	
Ministers Taxes	500	500	-269
Baptist Mission Resource Center Operations			
Salaries	37,889	82,963	80,546
Office Expense	6,000	6,000	2,646
Repairs/Maintenance/Supplies	35,000	35,000	28,910
Electricity	15,300	15,300	12,763
Cleaning	12,000	12,000	9,766
Trash Removal	6,900	6,900	5,570
Condominium Fees	19,980	19,980	19,970
Insurance	38,000	38,000	29,633
Telephone/Internet/Web Hosting	25,000	48,000	43,173

Baptist Mission Resource Center Operations	2018 Operating Budget	2017 Operating Budget	2016 Operating Budget
Information Technology Management			
Contract	23,000	25,200	33,460
Offsite Storage	7,500	7,500	7,352
Equipment Leases	38,300	29,084	16,650
Equipment - Computer and Office	20,000	25,000	16,539
History Committee	500	500	
Attorney Fees	15,000	15,000	14,851
Contingencies	10,000	10,000	5,430
Total Convention Operations	537,985	599,072	543,088
Church Services Team			
Salaries, Travel and Office Expenses			
Salaries/Housing Allowances	470,990	495,995	598,306
Travel Business/Office/Field Service Expense	79,250	97,500	92,471
Evangelism			
Evangelism Team Training and Development	3,000	3,000	
Evangelism Partnerships - Associational	5,000		
Disaster Relief		20,000	15,042
Evangelism	100,000	100,000	80,979
Church Strengthening			
Network Connection with Pastors			11,000
Pastoral Services	50,250	65,500	41,136
Church Ministry Services	34,000	41,000	26,006
Church Minister and Relations Services	34,500	34,000	27,888
Equipping Services	24,825	16,000	9,862
Church and Community Missions	9,500	9,500	6,724
Total Church Services Team	811,315	882,495	909,414
Church Planting Team			
Salaries, Travel and Office Expenses			
Salaries	48,800	63,656	95,435
Travel Business/Office/Field Service Expense	22,500	22,500	44,003
Church Planter Assistance	800,000	800,000	717,624

Church Planting Field Ministry	2018 Operating Budget	2017 Operating Budget	2016 Operating Budget
Church Planting Development	80,000	80,000	50,467
Planter Care	15,000	15,000	24,366
Coaching	26,000	26,000	29,400
Total Church Planting Team	992,300	1,007,156	961,295
Total Disbursements	5,214,336	5,208,109	4,970,877
Over (Under)	0	0	956

- b. Curtis Hill asked the Chair for permission to speak to the motion.
 - i. He gave context to the process as to how the committee arrived at the budget.
 - ii. The budget starts with the staff and then moves to the administrative committee, who approved the budget and passed it on to the General Missions Board.
 - iii. The format is different this year so that the Messengers can see the years side by side:
 - 1. 2016 represents the actuals
 - 2. 2017 represents the budget amount
 - 3. 2018 the proposed budget
 - iv. The budget is built around anticipated receipts from the Cooperative Program, \$3.7 million, which is the baseline. \$1 million dollars comes from NAMB which helps to fund the church planting and evangelistic ministries.
 - v. The most significant change of the budget is the proposed increase to the national entities of the SBC and the Cooperative Program. Last year 43% was leaving the state convention and this year the staff recommends an increase to 48%. (4.5% increase)
 - vi. The 3 budgets:
 - 1. The General Operating Budget (includes a 1% raise for the staff)
 - 2. The Skycroft Budget
 - 3. The State Missions Offering Budget

2018 Proposed Skycroft Conference Center Budget

SKYCROFT RECEIPTS	2018 Operating Budget	2017 Operating Budget	2016 Operating Budget
General User Fees	1,673,785	1,629,539	1,410,171
Camps	589,000	567,800	608,146
HeBrews Coffee Shop	65,000	55,000	58,659
State Missions Offering	25,000	-	-
Programmed Events	12,000	-	-
Total Receipts	2,364,785	2,252,339	2,076,976
DISBURSEMENTS			
Consultant and Staff Social Security	56,316	54,797	49,183
Consultant and Staff Annuity	43,741	39,342	40,501
Consultant and Staff Insurance	142,907	116,575	113,089
Consultant Development/Support/Affirmation	3,500	3,000	4,051
Total Consultant and Staff Benefits	246,464	213,714	206,824
Skycroft Conference Center Operations			
Salaries	376,702	321,776	288,257
Travel Business/Field Service	3,000	7,787	1,752
Recreational Development	2,000	3,000	
Recreational Supplies	2,000		
Electricity	115,000	106,000	86,612
Propane	95,000	92,500	56,153
Pest Control	15,600	9,000	14,587
Trash Removal	18,000	16,000	18,283
Equipment Replacement/Capital Repair	31,800	25,000	42,256
Insurance	48,000	48,000	42,297
Telephone/Internet/Web Hosting	40,000	52,000	53,749
Owned Vehicle Maintenance	9,500	9,500	7,687
Equipment - Maintenance Equipment	1,000	1,000	32,003
Equipment - Office Equipment	5,000	5,000	473
Facility Supplies	85,000	77,000	80,289
Office Supplies/Postage	22,000	11,000	7,930
Housekeeping Supplies	25,000	22,000	16,118
Reinvestment for Future Improvements	105,000	105,000	105,000

	2018 Operating Budget	2017 Operating Budget	2016 Operating Budget
Skycroft Conference Center Operations			
Attorney Fees	5,000	5,000	
Fees and Permits	3,000	3,500	2,255
Advertising/Promotion	6,000	7,500	4,112
Promotional Material	3,000		
Monthly Programmed Events	6,000		
Mortgage 9606 Frostown Road	25,000		25,000
Property Tax	7,500	8500	7,422
Total Skycroft Conference Center Operations	1,055,102	936,063	892,235
Skycroft Guest Relations			
Salaries	70,344	103,140	87,763
Camps	215,475	226,575	201,247
HeBrews Coffee Shop (Staff and Operations)	39,400	40,000	40,596
Total Skycroft Guest Relations	325,219	369,715	329,606
Skycroft Food Service			
Salaries	230,000	230,000	256,730
Food	471,500	460,000	367,905
Equipment - Kitchen Equipment	9,000	8,500	6,231
Total Skycroft Food Service	710,500	698,500	630,866
Convention Operations Team			
Financial Services			
Salaries	12,500	12,047	4,776
Finance Operations	15,000	22,300	11,789
Total Convention Operations	27,500	34,347	16,565
Total Disbursements	2,364,785	2,252,339	2,076,096
Over/(Under)	0	0	880

2018 Proposed State Missions Offering Budget

RECEIPTS	2018 SMO Budget	2017 SMO Budget	2016 SMO Actual
State Mission Offering	150,000	125,000	113,248
Total Receipts	150,000	125,000	113,248
DISBURSEMENTS			
Cooperative Missions			
State Missions Offering	110,000	125,000	113,248
Total Cooperative Missions	110,000	125,000	113,248
Church Services Team			
Evangelism			
Disaster Relief	40,000		
Total Church Services Team	40,000		
Total Disbursements	150,000	125,000	113,248
Over (Under)	0	0	0

- c. Curtis Hill again moved for the adoption of the motion.
 - i. President Trammell stated that the question on the floor is BCMD Budget for 2018 as presented. No questions were forwarded.
 - ii. The Budget was adopted by the majority of the Messengers.
- d. Curtis Hill acknowledged that the General Mission Board had another motion regarding changes to the Constitution.

The following changes in the Constitution are proposed:

Article VI: General Mission Board – Section 1, paragraph 3, third sentence.

- “The President of the Brotherhood” should be removed since it ceased existence through a restructuring that combined the Brotherhood Commission, the Radio and Television Commission and the Home Mission Board in the founding of NAMB in 1998.
- Add “/Delaware” after Maryland: “...and the Maryland/Delaware member of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee...”
- *The General Mission Board will be composed of three members from the geographic area of each association. For each 5000 resident members or major fraction thereof, one additional Board member will be chosen, up to but not to exceed a total of ten Board members from any association. The President of this Convention, ~~the President of the Brotherhood~~, the President of the Woman’s Missionary Union and the Maryland/**Delaware** member of*

the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee will serve as at-large members of the Board. Board members selected by virtue of their Convention offices, will not be used in determining the number of members from an association or local church.

Article VII: Agencies – Section 6

- Remove the reference to “The Baptist Family and Children’s Services of Maryland” because it ceased as an agency of the BCM/D in 2013. The agencies agency of this Convention are is ~~the Baptist Family and Children’s Services of Maryland, Inc.,~~ and the Baptist Foundation of Maryland/Delaware, Inc.
- ii. He stated that this is a two-year motion, meaning this year and next year it must be voted upon. He called Dan Housum, Chair of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, Summit Trace Church, to speak to the motion.
- e. Dan Housum stated that there were three things he needed to clarify:
 - i. The typos and punctuation were not adjusted by the committee.
 - ii. Textual changes are being made to the Constitution and By-Laws.
 - iii. The committee did not make any changes that would alter the direction of the BCM/D. The changes reflect the reality of changes in the ministry and the organization so that the document will keep in step.
- f. President Trammell, asked for any questions from the floor, there were none.
- g. The motion passed by a majority vote of the Messengers.

14. President Trammell recognized Dr. Kevin Smith for his Executive Address

15. Dr. Smith gave a few explanations about his work as the Executive Director and that he is accountable to the General Missions Board, based upon the BCM/D’s Constitution.
- a. His greatest desire is that churches would continue to be:
 - i. Faithful in their proclamation of Scripture, and fruitful.
 - ii. Faithful in obedience to the Word: Hypocrisy is the Church’s greatest problem.
 - iii. Faithful in disciple training, in every aspect of development, in calling people to follow Jesus, e.g. love our neighbors smoke detectors; sending missionaries and church planters out of our churches
 - iv. Fruitful in evangelism, calling men and women to faith and discipleship in following Jesus Christ.
 - v. Fruitful in sending missionaries and planters from the local congregational level.
 - b. Dr. Smith asked: “What does a win look like?” Are churches baptizing new believers who are being discipled and serving in our churches one year later?”
 - c. Dr. Smith used a pie chart to illustrate the benefits of increasing the Cooperative Program development. All of which are dependent upon being unified in prayer and working in the power of Spirit.
 - d. He expressed thankfulness for the Convention President, General Mission Board President, and the BCM/D body for the privilege of serving.

16. **President's Address** - Rick Hancock introduced Dr. Michael Trammell, President, Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware, Pastor, Mt Airy Baptist Church, MD. His message was called *The Person Through Whom We Speak to the Father*: Jesus Christ as seen in Colossians 1:15-20. Dr. Trammell's message highlighted the tremendous value that we have in Jesus Christ as the Lord of the Church and the basis for why we have access to the Father through Him.
17. **Election of President:** Rick Hancock, First Vice President BCM/D, Associate Pastor, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Huntingtown, MD, presided.
- a. Nominations for President:
 - i. Gary Glanville: Interim Director of Missions for Mid-Maryland Baptist Association, nominated Mike Trammell for a 2nd term as President of the BCMD.
 - ii. No other nominations were submitted therefore, the nominations were closed, and Dr. Trammell was re-elected to a second term as President of the BCMD.
 - iii. The Recording Secretary cast the Ballot for the Convention
18. **Closing Prayer** – Keith Corrick, Director of Missions, Potomac Baptist Association

Session 3 – Monday Afternoon – November 13, 2017

Kettering Baptist Church Sanctuary

19. Business Session #2

20. **Enrollment of Messengers** – Theresa Sassard, Theresa Sassard, Chair of Credentials Committee, BCM/D, Middle River Baptist Church, MD reported on the Enrollment of Messengers: 287 messengers, 141 guests, for a total of 428 messengers and guests.
21. **Dr. Trammell introduced Jim Testerman**, Senior Pastor, Oak Grove Baptist Church, Bel Air, MD, for the afternoon Devotional Message from John 17
- a. Pray for others when they ask, not putting it off until later. Demonstrate the immediacy and priority of prayer by praying for people the moment they ask.
 - b. John 17 is the real Lord's Prayer where the Savior of the world prays for us.
 - c. There is not enough repentance from sin, which hinders our prayers.
 - d. In His prayer Jesus asked for the following:
 - i. Restore the glory that He had before He came to the earth. (Jesus' glory was diminished/veiled in His Humanity.)
 - ii. Sanctification for the Disciples: By the Word, the Truth
 - iii. Unification of the Body: God's glory is intimately connected to unity.
 - e. The amazing unity in the root system in Aspen Grove, Utah, is the world's largest living organism. It is called the "trembling giant." All of the trees appear to be individual trees, but they share the same root system. Every believer is intimately connected to the True Vine, and therefore, we share the same root, we are one.
22. **Election of Remaining Officers:** Dr. Michael Trammell - President, Baptist Convention Maryland/Delaware, Mt. Airy Baptist Church, MD, presided.
- a. Nominations for 1st Vice President:
 - i. Keith Corrick, St. Leonard Baptist Church, Potomac Association, and Director of Missions, nominated Rick Hancock.
 - ii. Hancock was re-elected to a second term through a unanimous ballot.
 - b. Nominations for 2nd Vice President:
 - i. Bill Warren, Pastor, Allen Memorial Baptist Church nominated Thomas Winborn, Pastor, Welsh Baptist Church
 - ii. There were no other nominations and therefore, Thomas Winborn was elected by unanimous ballot.

- iii.
- c. Nominations for Recording Secretary:
- i. Theresa Sassard, Chair of Credentials Committee, BCM/D, Middle River Baptist Church, MD, nominated David Gaines, Manna Bible Baptist Church, Baltimore Association, for recording secretary.
 - ii. There were no other nominations, and therefore, David Gaines was re-elected to another term through a unanimous ballot.
- d. Nominations for Assistant Recording Secretary:
- i. Theresa Sassard also nominated Tracey Gaines as Assistant Recording Secretary.
 - ii. There were no other nominations, and therefore, Tracey Gaines, Manna Bible Baptist Church, Baltimore Association, was elected to another term by unanimous ballot.
23. **Worship:** Martin Gureasko, Worship Pastor and the Worship Team of First Baptist Church of Delaware, New Castle
24. **President's Committee Appointments:** Dr. Michael Trammell - President, Baptist Convention Maryland/Delaware, Mt. Airy Baptist Church, MD

2017 Convention President's Committee Appointments

Committee on Credentials and Enrollment:

- Theresa Sassard (CHAIR), Middle River, Baltimore
 - Wanda Minter, First Rock, Prince George's
 - Zulma Acuna, Primera Hispana de Maryland, Montgomery
 - Patrice Bailey, FBC Capitol Heights, Prince George's
 - Rosa Rodriguez, Iglesia Conexiones, Mid-Maryland
- Committee serves to support the 2017 annual meeting*

Committee on Resolutions:

- Helen Corrothers (CHAIR), Georgia Avenue, Montgomery
 - Keith Corrick, Leonardtown, Potomac
 - Andy Ehlers, High Tide, Eastern
 - Grant Lauterbach, Northwest, Mid-Maryland
 - Thomas Winborn, Welsh Memorial, Western
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Committee on Committees (3-year term):

- Bob Parsley, FBC Crofton, Arundel
 - Ron Blankenship, Colesville, Montgomery
 - Carol Winborn, Welsh Memorial, Western
- Committee serves to support the 2017 annual meeting*

25. Gary Glanville – Chair of Committee to Nominate, Interim Director of Missions, Mid-Maryland Baptist Association
- a. Please see below for the 2017 Report for the Committee to Nominate individuals to the General Mission Board and the Baptist Foundation.

**2017 Report for the Committee to Nominate Members of the
General Mission Board and Trustees of Institutions and
Agencies of the Convention**

2017-2018 General Mission Board Recommended Appointments:

Term Expiring 2018:

- Victor Kirk, Sharon Bible, Prince George's
(filling unexpired term of Quintin Few)

Term Expiring 2021

- Tim Byer, Faith Glen Burnie, Arundel
- John Schoff, Sycamore Hill, Delaware
- Van-Kim Bui Lin, The Village Church, Mid-Maryland
- Ron Curry, New Creation, Potomac
- Brent Brewer, FBC Laurel, Prince George's
- Craig Mele, Maple View, Susquehanna
- Jeri Williams, FBC Westernport, Western

**2017-2018 Baptist Foundation of Maryland/Delaware Trustee
Recommended Appointments:**

Term Expiring 2019:

- Cindy Baker, FBC Westernport, Western

Term Expiring 2021:

- Bill Voelp, Severna Park, Arundel
- Cecil Cunigan, Colonial, Baltimore
- Jim McBride, New Harvest, Delaware

- b. Gary Glanville – Chair of Committee to Nominate, Interim Director of Missions, Mid-Maryland Baptist Association, was unable to be present
- c. President Trammell moved that the report be adopted.
- d. Please see below for the 2017 Report for the Committee on Committees

2017 Report for the Committee on Committees:

2017-2018 Order of Business Recommended Appointments:

Term Expiring 2019:

- Chris McCombs, Lexington Park, Potomac

Term Expiring 2020:

- Kevin Gift, FBC, Essex, Baltimore
- Mike Cooper, South End, Blue Ridge
- Nancy Mathews, Colesville, Montgomery

2017-2018 Committee to Nominate to the General Mission Board & Trustees of Institutions & Agencies of the Convention

Recommended Appointments:

Term Expiring 2020:

- Sean Davis, Ocean City, Eastern
- Keith Corrick, Leonardtown, Potomac
- Angie McGuigan, FBC, Perryville, Susquehanna

2017-2018 Christian Life & Public Affairs Recommended Appointments:

Term Expiring 2020:

- Brian Sandifer, Potomac Heights, Potomac

To see the full list of committee members previously appointed, see the 2016 Annual Report of the Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware, online at <https://bcm.org/about-us/annual-report>.

- e. There were no questions.
- f. Vote: The majority of the Messengers accepted the report of the Committee on Committees as presented.

26. **Miscellaneous Business:** Dr. Michael Trammell – President, Baptist Convention Maryland/Delaware, Mt. Airy Baptist Church, MD. There was no Miscellaneous Business to discuss.

27. **Video:** Kevin Freeman, Christian Life and Public Affairs, BCM/D, Associate Pastor of Redland Baptist Church, Rockville, MD

- a. Theme: *In His Image*: “We exist to provide resources to help you where Christian Life and faith intersect. We want to help you to engage the ever-changing culture with the unchanging truth of God’s Word.”
- b. Committee Members: Ronjour Locke, Brian Sandifer, Keith Hinton, Ken Cavey, Nathaniel Thomas, Kevin Freeman
- c. The CLPA committee exists to provide resources where the Christian faith and life intersect.

Christian Life and Public Affairs Committee Report

- What’s so special about being human?
- Are some humans worth more than others?
- Why should we care about life and death matters?

As Christians, all of these questions begin in the same place: we are all created in the image of God. Because we are all God’s image-bearers, we each possess an inherent worth and purpose: to show off the glory of our Creator in our lives and in the world.

Our contemporary world rejects both God and therefore also rejects that we are all created in his image. How can we uphold the truth in a world of confusion? The Christian Life and Public Affairs (CLPA) Committee would like to help.

What is the CLPA? We exist to provide resources to help you where Christian life and faith intersect. We want to help equip you to engage the ever-changing culture with the unchanging truth of God’s Word.

Our theme for 2018 is “In His Image.” God has called his church to uphold the glory and dignity inherent in all human beings. We want to help you unpack what that means, why

every life matters, and how you can proclaim it in community. Look for our articles in upcoming print or online editions of BaptistLIFE.

28. Partner Greetings:

- a. Report from David Platt, President of **IMB** gave thanks for the faithful giving and partnership of the SBC churches.
- b. Larry Pumpelly: **IMB**, thanked BCM/D for their support and partnership.
- c. Melody Knox: Executive Director of **WMU** (Women's Missionary Union) Encouraging churches to live missional lives daily; WMU partnered with Potomac Baptist Association's Senior Ministry to send cards to domestic and international missionaries and their names will be passed on to over 80 seniors who will be praying for the missionaries. (Barbara Matney was unable to make the meeting this year due to work related commitment.)
- d. Mark Croston: **Lifeway Christian Resources**, and National Director of Black Church Partnerships gifted Dr. Trammell with books and Bibles from Dr. Thom Rainer, President of LifeWay Christian Resources

29. Baptist Foundation Report: Bill Peacock – President, Baptist Foundation of Maryland/Delaware:

The Baptist Foundation of Maryland/Delaware

The Baptist Foundation of Maryland/Delaware works to advance the message of the Gospel through the prudent management of endowments that benefit Baptist work in Maryland/Delaware and around the world. We also provide loans to our affiliated churches and associations.

The Foundation currently manages assets of approximately \$11 million dollars (\$7.9 million in the Endowment Funds and \$3.1 million in the Church Loan Funds). Significant growth in the amount of managed assets has occurred from \$3.8 million in 1991.

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017, the Foundation distributed approximately \$389,712 to Southern Baptist and Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware mission causes from the Endowment Funds.

Through the Foundation's Church Loan programs, 17 churches affiliated with the Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware are being assisted with approximately \$2.3 million dollars in loans. The advantages of these church loans are favorable interest rates and low closing costs. In addition to the above referenced distribution, the Foundation makes a distribution annually to the Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware to be used to start churches and to strengthen existing churches. The distribution to be made for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017 totals \$106,225.

The Baptist Foundation is now positioned to manage endowment funds for churches while saving them money on administration. Even churches with modest investment needs may take advantage of the same discounts offered to multimillion dollar investors simply by using the services of the Baptist Foundation. We encourage churches to partner with us to create Heritage Funds to ensure funding for their future ministry efforts.

The Baptist Foundation continues to educate our churches in estate planning. If your church is interested in learning more about the Foundation, a representative of the Foundation will be pleased to provide additional information. You may also learn more about the Foundation by visiting <https://bcmd.org/what-we-do/baptist-foundation>. From here, you can learn more about the Foundation's church loan, estate planning, and

planned giving programs as well as view the most recently available audited financial statements.

The Lord has truly blessed the Kingdom work of our Foundation and Convention. We look forward to continuing to serve Maryland/Delaware Baptists in the same trustworthy manner as our predecessors.

- a. Bill Peacock presented a check to Dr. Smith in the amount of \$106,225.28 for the purpose of strengthening churches and starting churches.
- 30. **Recognition of Outgoing Officer:** Dr. Kevin Smith – Executive Director, Baptist Convention of Maryland Delaware: Keith Meyer, Outgoing 2nd Vice President
- 31. **Closing Prayer** – Ron Blankenship, Director of Missions, Montgomery Baptist Association
- 32. **4:00 pm – 6:00 pm Dinners**

Session 4 – Monday Evening – November 13, 2017 **Kettering Baptist Church Sanctuary**

- 33. **Worship:** Martin Gureasko, Worship Pastor, First Baptist Church of Delaware, New Castle
- 34. **Message: Dr. Kevin Smith, Executive Director,** Baptist Convention, Maryland/ Delaware
 - a. His Message: 1 Corinthians 10:1-22 “Pay Attention to the Warnings” (OT – Idolatry; NT – Hypocrisy) The possible reasons:
 - b. Comfortable with Relative Righteousness “I am not as bad as they are.”
 - c. Ungodly culture causes us to see it in others and not ourselves.
 - d. Jacked-up church world, nominal Christianity,
 - i. Vs. 1-4 “All of Israel came out of Egypt...”
 - ii. Vs. 5 “But God was not well pleased with them...”
 - iii. Vs. 6 These are for our warnings and examples:
 - 1. Don’t Fornicate
 - 2. Don’t Tempt God
 - 3. Don’t murmur
 - 4. Don’t be idolaters, flee idolatry
 - 5. Don’t mingle idolatry and with worshipping God
 - 6. Declare things to be of greater value than we should
- 35. **Worship:** Martin Gureasko, Worship Pastor, First Baptist Church of Delaware, New Castle
- 36. **Message:** Dr. Frank Page, President, CEO SBC Executive Committee: His Message – Philippians 3:12
 - a. The Wrong Way to Live As Believers. Three useless gimmicks we use: Fake it, Force it, and Forget it.
 - b. The Right Way to Live as Believers. A New Way of Living: The Key of Humility, The Key of Grace (God gives to us that which He expects of us);and The Key of Growth
- 37. **Benediction** – President, Dr. Trammell invited all messengers and guests to next year’s Convention and the closing prayer.
 - a. Next Year’s Annual Meeting on November 11-12, 2018, will be held at Oak Grove Baptist Church, Bel Air, MD
 - b. The speakers for 2018 will be Dr. Johnny Hunt and Dr. Alastair Begg.